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In re Application of:  
Michael A. Kepler et al.  
Application No. 09/532,402  
Filed: March 22, 2000  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
SEARCHING, ACCESSING AND  
UPDATING DATABASES

**DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.181 TO  
WITHDRAW HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT**

This is a decision on the petition filed 23 February 2004 under 37 CFR §1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the Office Action mailed 02 December 2002 (paper no. 14). A Notice of Abandonment was mailed 20 January 2004 (paper no. 17).

In support of the petition, Petitioner provides a copy of (1) an "Request for Reconsideration and Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement" with a certificate of mailing of 28 February 2003, (2) form PTO-1449 with 1 reference, (3) copy of a check number 206945 for \$180.00, (4) fee transmittal form, and (5) a post card with a Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) stamp indicating receipt on 05 March 2003 of the aforementioned "Request for Reconsideration and Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement", form PTO-1449 and reference, fee transmittal form, and check number 206945.

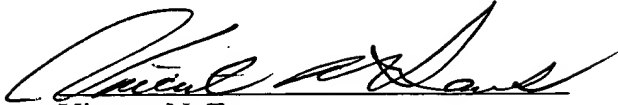
A review of the file record indicates that the response was received on 05 March 2003 and has been associated with the file. Therefore, the record is clear that the application was ***not abandoned in fact*** and a Notice of Abandonment should not have been issued. Therefore, the petition is **GRANTED**. The Notice of Abandonment is **WITHDRAWN**.

The application will be forwarded to the Examiner for appropriate action.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to Vincent N. Trans whose telephone number is (703) 305-9750.

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